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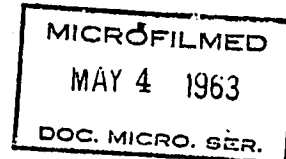
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REF: MGSA-4745, MGSA-5059, MGLA-7854

1. Following is a statement of opinion, based on a files check and study of the conflicting reports on subject and his past, in answer to your request.

2. It would appear from comparison of the two CIC reports forwarded as attachments to MGSA-4745 and MGSA-5059 that CIC made a matter of record two different conclusions with regard to subject's veracity and status as a possible Soviet or satellite agent. To wit: In the report of 19 September 1951 (MGSA-5059) subject's own statements are accepted as fact and the opinion is given that subject is not a Soviet agent but is a former American agent who deserves to be aided in evacuating his family from the Czech border area; however, in the report of 13 July 1951 (MGSA-4745) it is stated that the results of CIC investigation show that subject has an unsavory past, has long been considered to be undesirable for employment, and has been warned by CIC concerning his claimed Czech (or Soviet) intelligence contacts. Further, the later report, which makes no reference to the earlier one, appears to base its conclusions largely on the signed personal history statement taken from subject himself, while the report containing the derogatory information was an investigative report; and although the more recent of the two reports appears to be largely a restatement of the PHS attached to it, it is the more favorable report, as well as the one which includes final recommendations (closing of the case).

3. Comparison of both CIC reports with information obtained from GILFEL shows that GILFEL came up with derogatory information which corresponds with that reported by CIC (MGSA-4745). In addition, (Dr.) Frantisek MAINEZ (MGLA-7854, paragraph 4) reported to GILFEL that subject had stated he intended to "clear himself" with CIC on the score of Soviet or Czech intelligence contacts (i.e., to go on record as being anti-Soviet by the mere fact of reporting to CIC that he had been approached with offers of jobs on behalf of Soviet intelligence). Thus, the statements which subject made to CIC voluntarily (MGSA-5059) may not have been made in as straightforward a fashion as indicated by CIC, but rather may have been deliberately falsified. It should be noted, however, that the honesty and reliability of Dr. MAINEZ also have been subject to question in the past, and that we have no traces on most of the persons named in the reports as contacts of subject.

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4. The only information contained in POB files on Anna PATZNER, nee SEUSS, alias PAULI, is the name trace request received as MGSA-12330, 1 October 1951. This report gave her place of birth as Saulbits. We have no traces on DOENLER, fnu, or clarification of RICHTER's first name. Traces are available on the persons listed as subject's "handling agents" (WEBER, HIERMANN, etc.), but they do not appear to be pertinent to your request and do not clarify subject's case. The Opal (AB 730 392) is not one of our vehicles.

5. In short, the information contained in POB files (obtained from ZIPPER) confirms the CIC findings forwarded with MGSA-4745, rather than that sent on with MGSA-5099. However, some of the information received from ZIPPER comes from a source whose reliability is at least somewhat questionable, and POB files contain no information at all on which to base a check of certain of subject's statements and positions of CIC findings.

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